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Letter from the Editor

Well, it has been a busy spring in the Afghan World. We have held a World Congress and our annual Breeders' Cup, both of which were chaired by Jennifer and Jason Taylor. What a great job they did. These two events will be hard to beat and if you missed them, you missed a wonderful experience. This issue contains our first advertising done by Lt. Col. Wally Pede. We had very few committee reports so there are fewer pages and more news items. The minutes from the April BOD meeting have not been formally approved so they will be included in the next issue. Hope you enjoy the issue.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Submitted by
Ken Amos
President



It is easy to be pessimistic about the registration numbers in our breed but the fabulous success of the Breeders' Cup in April and the robust attendance at the World Congress educational programs prove that this club still has an engaged, vibrant core! Thanks again to Jason and Jennifer Taylor for a spectacular week!

Following that great news I want to talk about the board's plan to move forward on some initiatives that the membership has asked about in past years.

First is that we have a committee headed by Jennifer Taylor to look into the viability of **permanent sites for our Nationals** in the future. This effort was started at the Membership meeting in Atlanta and our plan is to have some ideas ready for discussion this fall. So if you have potential sites, please let Jennifer, Dianne Kroll or Erica Jantos know!

Second is the idea of a new type of "**non-voting associate**" membership. An associate membership has come up several times over the years and will require a constitutional change, but it is time to present this to the general membership on a formal ballot. Several years ago a survey was taken and almost 2/3rds agreed with this idea. Many people believe we need to start welcoming new Afghan Hound fanciers into the club earlier and a non-voting membership has been offered as an option.

Third is to change the constitution to allow **electronic balloting** as an option when general membership voting is required. AKC has approved this concept and has given Parent Clubs recommended language to use. This will save us a lot of money and work and can still be controlled by a 3rd party auditor (as the paper ballots are today). This idea was posted on the AHCA website 2 years ago and received a lot of positive feedback. And don't worry if you still prefer hard copy—the AKC language requires clubs to still accommodate those that want to use paper!

You will hear more about our progress in the coming months but I wanted to let you know we are taking action on members suggestions.

*Ken Amos
President, Afghan Hound Club of America*

Attention AHCA Members

Please remember to notify Sue Busby if your address changes, you hear a fellow member is ill or has crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

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The Afghan Hound Club of America 79th National Specialty – Correction/Addition

Major Awards At a Glance

Best of Breed: GCh. Agha Djari's Eye Candy Of Sura

Best of Opposite Sex: GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo

Best of Winners, Winners Bitch, Best in Sweepstakes: Google Me Of Meadow Valley

Select Dog and Best Stud Dog: Ch. Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension Of Sura

Select Bitch: GCh. Jakar An Affair Most Wicked

Winners Dog and Award of Merit: Kasban Sharja Speakeasy

Reserve Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes and Best Puppy: Sharja Sunset

Reserve Winners Bitch: Elan Sebring Price Above Rubies

Additional Awards of Merit: GCh. Charteroak Blustar, Ch. Jorogz' Here For The Party, Ch. Wynsyr Foxrun Femme' Fatale and GCh. Elmo's Madonna

Best Bred By Exhibitor: Spice Hill Premier

Best Brood Bitch: Ch. Amon Rih Farouka

High Scoring in Obedience and Highest Scoring AKC Champion in Regular Classes: Ch. Polo's Oolong To Me N' Myway

Lure Coursing Best in Event: Kominek's Rains Of Casamere, who with FC Kominek's Maid Of Sapphires were together the Best Brace.

In our last issue we inadvertently omitted **Reserve Winners Bitch** in the "Major Awards At a Glance" sidebar. By way of apology we are reprinting the sidebar and including a photo. To be fair, we are also including a photo of **Reserve Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes and Best Puppy**.



Reserve Winners Bitch: Elan Sebring Price Above Rubies



Reserve Winners Dog, Best of Opposite Sex in Sweepstakes and Best Puppy: Sharja Sunset

28TH ANNUAL AHCA BREEDERS' CUP

April 1, 2016 — Wilmington, Ohio



Best Puppy Winsong Enchanted
By: GCh. Mahali Rustic Ringmaster x Winsong Cherish
Breeders: Ed & Amy McCrary & Nikki Gardner



Best Opp. Sex Lafara's Rocking On The River
By: GCh. Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo x Ch. LaFara's Funny Valentine of Ledgehill
Breeder: Kelly Fitch & Maria Fulkenheimer

CRITIQUE: 28TH ANNUAL AHCA BREEDERS' CUP

April 1, 2016; Wilmington, Ohio

Judge: Diana Fife, Regle Afghan Hounds

When Jennifer Taylor first presented the idea of the World Congress, Breeders Cup and Regional Specialties to me, I could not have been more excited! The thought of such a fabulous event right here in Ohio with our club (Midwest Afghan Hound Club) participating sent me over the moon with enthusiasm. Many months later I was contacted by Dorma Sue Busby letting me know I was a nominee to judge the Breeders' Cup during this magical event. Although it sounds like a cliché I was truly honored just to be nominated! Once I discovered I'd be judging this event, I spent very little time on social media in an effort to keep out of the dog show loop. It was important to me to maintain as much newness and excitement as possible.

The large classes and overall quality made my job hard with an overwhelming number of puppies/youngsters having to leave the ring without top honors. There were so many deserving at this event. The toughest class to judge (for me) was the 6-9 Puppy Dog class. This class was huge and it was difficult to pick placements due to the outstanding quality of most of the puppies present. The placements could have changed with one blink of an eye.

After many difficult decisions, I ultimately found myself in the Best in Breeders' Cup ring with the following youngsters:

First place 6-9 Dog: Maja's Purple Reign, bred and owned by Nicole Newkirk & Sherri Meyer. A pretty and very square, balanced puppy that was quite together for his age. It will be fun to see how this puppy matures.

First place 9-12 Dog: Lafara's Rockin On The River, bred by Kelly Fitch & Maria Falkenheimer. Owned by Maria Falkenheimer. This puppy made me smile from the moment he walked into the ring. I loved his balance, outline, movement and nearly everything else about this wonderful boy. Beautifully put together along with an exuberant, silly temperament that gave me a few chuckles. I foresee an exciting future for this dog.

First place 12-15 Dog: Sharja Sunset, bred by Linda Shipley & Ken Amos. Owned by Patty Kageals & Linda Shipley. This dog has beautiful movement, smooth shoulders, long tail and lovely head. Very pretty!

First place 15-18 Dog: Klacic Fast And Furious O Rustic, bred and owned by Rhonda M. Miklacic & Eileen Wolfe. A beautiful, sound-moving dog with a lovely head, shoulders and croup. A very honest dog and a joy to go over.

First place 18-21 Dog: Exquisite Beaujon's Stellar Night, bred by Beth Anne Hall, David Hall & Hartley Hall. Owned by Tanya Wedlake. A truly beautiful moving dog with a very strong, upright carriage. I could watch this dog move all day!

First place 6-9 Bitch: Shante Kzar La La Success, bred by Marilyn A. Domhoff & Joy Kale Piland. Owned by Marilyn Domhoff. A very square and balanced puppy with a beautiful croup, nice tail set and low hocks. A nice easy mover complemented by a very pretty outline.

First place 9-12 Bitch: Winsong Enchanted, bred and owned by Ed & Amy McCrary and Nikki Gardner. A very feminine yet well muscled, patterned, confident girl. When stacked she held her own and owned the ground she stood on. Her long neck, smooth shoulders, level topline, low set long tail, strong coming and going and effortless (somewhat rhythmic) side gait made me smile. Her overall balance, type and confidence allowed me to imagine her maintaining her own in the desert.

First place 12-15 Bitch: Sharja Sienna, bred and owned by Linda Shipley & Ken Amos. A very pretty girl. Beautiful head and outline. Lovely strong neck which led to a beautiful topline, croup and tail set.

First place 15-18 Bitch: Klacic Dancin In The Moon Lite O Rustic, bred and owned by Rhonda M. Miklacic & Eileen Wolfe. Loved her overall balance and lovely head. She is a nicely put together girl.

First place 18-21 Bitch: Exquisite Sign Of The Mermaid, bred and owned by Beth Anne Hall, David Hall & Hartley Hall. Very beautiful! Lovely head, strong topline and very sound. This classic girl really got my attention.

It was a thrill of a lifetime to see so many quality youngsters at one event! There were so many that could have been crowned Best In Breeders' Cup. Ultimately it came down to two that had my full attention. Interestingly both came from the 9-12 puppy classes (the two largest classes in the show). The final decision could have gone either way. But on this day it was Winsong Enchanted who was awarded Best In Breeders' Cup. Best Of Opposite Sex In Breeders' Cup went to Lafara's Rockin On The River.

Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to judge your young Afghan Hounds. The future of the breed looks quite bright to me!

Diana Fife

THE 9th AFGHAN HOUND WORLD CONGRESS MARCH 30-31, 2016

“In the Company of Kings” Draws Attendance From Around the Globe

By Allan Reznik



For Afghan Hound breeders, exhibitors, owners and admirers around the world, all eyes were on Southwest Ohio in March for the 9th Afghan Hound World Congress. It was the first time this event has been held in the US since 1995. With well over 100 attendees at the Congress, along with entries in excess of 100 at the Breeders Cup and the three regional specialties, the message was loud and clear: “If you build it, they will come.” Indeed they did, which was enormously gratifying for Afghan Hound World Congress Committee Chair Jennifer Taylor, and the Committee members Stephen Fisher, Linda Jackson, Christine Pinkston, Allan Reznik, Tony Saia and Jason Taylor. Michael Canalizo was closely involved as a standing member of the Afghan Hound World Congress Committee.

So much has changed in the breed since the 1995 World Congress in San Diego: we have far fewer active breeders worldwide, fewer litters bred here and abroad, smaller entries at shows, changes in breeding practices (who shipped semen in 1995?) and handling styles. One of the joys of the week was seeing so many important breeders of the past support the event with their attendance, and in many cases, their active participation as presenters. Eukanuba Hall at the Roberts Centre certainly provided a fabulous venue.

The theme of the Congress was “In the Company of Kings,” with a charming logo created by Linda Korstad that was used on shirts, tote bags and decorations. To make the event even more special, 18 internationally renowned Afghan Hound artists were invited to each create a unique piece reflecting the theme. The artists were on hand to enjoy the hotly contested bidding on their pieces at the Thursday evening art auction. Thank you Jordan Aquarius, Mimi Baker, Lee Canalizo, Terry Chacon, Diana Fife, Mary Ann Giordano, Leslie Hutto, Julie Roche, Natalie Swan, Terry Wilcox, Chris Kaiser, Di Kaye, Linda Korstad, June Leitch, Iren Naarits, Connie Nibarger, Martial Robin, Ann Sterner and Lynn Watson for your collective talents and creativity.

On Wednesday morning, after a lovely breakfast and opening



L to R Speakers JoAnn Buehler, Michael Canalizo, Event Co-Chair Jason Taylor. Not pictured Co-Chair Jennifer Taylor

comments from “In the Company of Kings” Event Chairman Jason Taylor, we settled in for the first Group Topic, “A Snapshot of the Breed Across the Globe,” with presentations by Susan Rhodes of the UK, Sherril Wallack of Canada and our own Lee Canalizo. The session was peppered with thought-provoking questions from the audience.

Next, attendees could go to one of two seminars: “Successful Breeder-Owner-Handlers” presented by Bruce Clark and Laura Mauldin, or a “Health Check of the Afghan Hound” presented by Dr. Duane Butherus.

Lunch was next, followed by two more seminars to choose from: Eddie Kominek and Ernest Abresch discussing “Hunting and Coursing Afghan Hounds,” and Julie Roche speaking on “A Coat of Many Colors: Afghan Hound Color Genetics.”

The next Group topic attended by all, dealt with “Three Standards, One Breed: Differences in the Afghan Hound Standard Around the Globe.” Willem Buitenkamp of the Netherlands addressed the FCI standard, Mike Lancashire of the UK discussed the English standard and Harry Bennett talked about the AKC standard.



L to R Speakers Richard Souza (Coastwind), Lynn Mercer (Fox Run), Ramon Podesta (von Hausman), Ada Wilcox (Alaqadar)

THE 9th AFGHAN HOUND WORLD CONGRESS MARCH 30-31, 2016 (Continued)

“In the Company of Kings” Draws Attendance From Around the Globe

By Allan Reznik

The last seminars of the day gave attendees the choice of hearing from Tracy Leonard, DVM, on “Advancements in Reproduction for the Global Breeding Program,” or Bonnie Peregoy, on “Socialization for the Afghan Hound Puppy.”

That evening we all got to unwind, socialize over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, and shop till we dropped at the very well attended “Nightfall at Eukanuba Hall Vendor Splendor.”

Thursday morning began with Michael Canalizo and JoAnne Buehler presenting “Two Perspectives on Proper Afghan Hound Movement.” Another stimulating discussion with lively contributions from the floor. This was followed by our “Iconic Panel of Veteran Breeders.” What a pleasure to listen to Ramon Podesta of Chile, Ada Wilcox of Australia, Lynn Mercer of Fox Run and Richard Souza of Coastwind speak with passion and conviction about their many decades in the breed, supported by photos and pedigrees. Thanks to Eddie Kominek and Jennifer Taylor for coordinating all the videos and images.

After lunch, Michael Canalizo was in charge of Judges’ Education, a great opportunity to learn from him amid the international ambiance of the World Congress.

To close the World Congress in high style, we all enjoyed hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, collected our paddles and hunkered down for some determined bidding at the reception and art sale. Jason Taylor took a course in auctioneering and it showed! He dazzled us with his fast, professional patter as the bids on the artists’ unique creations soared sky high. It was an exciting finale to a memorable, well-attended event. We so appreciate our fellow Afghan Hound lovers from Scandinavia, Australia, Germany, Italy, Spain, Mexico, Canada and across the US who joined us in Ohio.

Friday, of course, was the Breeders Cup and the AHC of Southwestern Ohio specialty, followed on Saturday by the Midwest AHC and Greater Columbus AHC specialties... with entries of over 100 at each event! What a heartwarming sight.

When you’re focusing on the major issues in your breeding program, it’s easy to forget that your fellow breeders around the world may be struggling with many of the same concerns. That is why attending a World Congress can be so enlightening. To have knowledgeable international fanciers gather to discuss the state of one’s breed is an invigorating and eye-opening experience. The 9th Afghan Hound World Congress certainly proved to be all of that and more.



Group Photo of all Attendees

The Purina Weight Circle Program and The Afghan Hound Club of America

Understanding the Purina Weight Circle program

It's actually called the **Purina Parent Club Partnership Program (PPCPP)**. Since 2002, the Afghan Hound Club of America and the Canine Health Foundation have earned funding from the PPCPP. In 2015, the AHCA received a check for \$588.54, and a matching amount was sent to the Canine Health Foundation to be used in our Donor Advised Fund (our "bank"; a savings account for health research in the name of the AHCA).

How it Works

--You do not have to be a member of the AHCA to earn points for yourself or for the AHCA! If you feed Pro Plan, simply join the Purina Pro Club, and then declare that your submissions be credited to the Afghan Hound Club of America.

--**Since all funding is incremental to the weight circle program, your participation in the PPCPP will not result in a reduction of the points you personally earn.**

--Pro Club members submit weight circles from bags of participating Purina Brand Dog Foods and accumulate weight circle points as part of the Pro Club Weight Circle Program.

--Purina tracks these weight circle submissions, and for every \$100 of qualifying weight circle points earned by Pro Club members, Purina donates \$10 to the participating national parent breed club.

--Points are accumulated throughout a calendar year, and a check representing 10% of the value of the submitted weight circles for the year is evenly split between the participating national parent breed club and the AKC Canine Health Foundation.

Funding Distribution

--One half of each club's individual annual earnings is issued directly to the Canine Health Foundation and *credited to the bank* of the Afghan Hound Club of America to support research grants aimed at a better understanding of genetics and other conditions impacting our dogs' health. The AHCA determines which CHF projects receive funding from our "bank".

--The other half is issued by check to the AHCA for use in the support of canine health research, education and/or rescue efforts.

--The PPCP Program has raised in excess of \$3.5 million for canine health research, education and rescue efforts since 2002.

In addition to helping fund canine health research projects, the funding returned to the individual clubs has been used to help support educational outreach programs such as scholarships, library support, youth programs and conservation education programs. It has also been used to support judges' education seminars, to produce breed specific educational materials and to produce responsible dog ownership materials.

Rescue programs have benefited with funds being used for the direct care of dogs in need, the development of fundraising tools and the support of adoption events.

How to Participate in the PPCP Program

--You must be a Purina Pro Club Member to receive Purina Points. Pro Club members **must individually declare their participation in the program and identify the national parent breed club that will receive their Purina Points.** Members may declare for their national parent breed club by calling the Purina Pro Club toll-free number at **1-877-PRO-CLUB** (1-877-776-2582), or by registering on the Pro Club website **www.PurinaProClub.com**.

--**If you are NOT a Pro Club member**, you can still have your Purina weight circles credited to AHCA by sending them to me; I submit these to Purina on behalf of the AHCA.

You can contact me for further information, at my email address: BeanieSue@aol.com. Please put "Purina" in the subject line.

Helen Stein
PPCPP Liaison

AKC Delegate Report

Connie Butherus



The March AKC Delegate's meeting was the Annual Meeting of the AKC. As always at the Annual meeting the hot topic was the election for the Board of Directors. Rumors and opinions were exchanged among the Delegates as to the best choices of the seven candidates running for the 3 positions to be filled. Some of the Delegates had been instructed by their clubs regarding for whom to vote. Others were free to use their best judgement.

Day one was devoted to the Delegate Committee meetings. I attended the Parent Club Committee which had its usual full agenda of items relevant to and important regarding the role and function of Parent Clubs. The Staff Liaison to the Committee, Mike Lioisis, was attending his last meeting as retirement neared. The Committee Chair, Pat Laurans, paid tribute to him garnering the enthusiastic support of those in attendance. Over the years he had been very helpful to the Committee gathering huge amounts of requested information, responses and status reports to assist the Committee in its workings.

The agenda included the following major items:

- * The AKC had issued 42,000 titles in the Canine Good Citizen program as of 3-1-16. This was an increase of 2500 in four months. As all of these dogs must be AKC registered to be awarded a title this is a growth area for the AKC.
- * The Parent Club Rescue Alliance on-line group picked up 14 new members. This monitored e-list was created by the Parent Club Committee to assist Parent Club approved rescue groups in their activities.
- * The newly launched AKC Marketplace will be issuing instructions regarding establishing a "storefront" for each Parent Club. This will link to the Parent Club web site, have breeder referral listings, rescue information, etc. More to follow as this develops.
- * Health statements have been received from 112 Parent Clubs. This information will be included in the breeder referral listings and the Bred With HEART program.
- * Mark Dunn, who is heading the Bred With HEART program reported on its status. This included:
 - Between 3000 and 4000 kennel inspections are conducted yearly by AKC staff. In order to be listed as a Bred With HEART breeder kennel inspection is mandatory.
 - There are 114,000 litters born per year.
 - Only 7% of those enrolled in the program would be considered Commercial Breeders.
 - Seventeen per cent of the enrolled are already Breeders of Merit
 - The target of the program is the casual breeder who produces 70% of the litters each year. (This is not the fancy or breed devotees like those of us.)
 - Six hundred of the enrolled breeders have taken the online continuing education offerings and have passed the tests. Continuing education is required to be recognized as a Bred With Heart breeder.
 - The program is voluntary. (One does not need a lawyer to remove oneself from the program contrary to the circulating myth!)
 - The Breeder of Merit program was designed for the fancy (us). The Bred With HEART program hopes to capture the non-fancy portion of breeders who are producing the vast majority of litters.

The Committee passed a motion requesting that the breed in which a Breeder of Merit (BOM) is approved be included in the listing. This addressed an issue whereby a breeder becomes approved in one breed and goes on to claim the BOM status in one or several other breeds which can be misleading.

- There are 36 Parent Clubs which are not Member Clubs of the AKC. The Parent Club Committee is in the process of contacting them. One very important consideration being the breed standard. Parent Clubs that are AKC Member Clubs own their breed Standards. Licensed Clubs do not.
- It was reported that Parent Clubs can now request the names and addresses of newly registered dogs/puppies from the AKC. It is an Opt In provision.
- The Parent Club self study Sub Committee reported that so far about 1/3 of the Parent Clubs had completed the evaluation. The findings were:
 - All were incorporated.
 - Only one reported not having a Code of Ethics.
 - About half had a Junior Showmanship program.
 - Nearly all had active education programs for judges, breeders, new puppy owners and breed mentoring.
 - Recommended health screenings and financial contributions to canine health research were reported by nearly all.
 - Membership increases were reported by about half of those responding.

AKC Delegate Report (Continued)

Connie Butherus



Following the individual Committee meetings the Coordinating Committee met. The Committee Chairs reported the following:

- As of 7-1-16 the Reserve Best Junior Showmanship award will become effective.
- The issue of reinstatement of a DQ dog continues under discussion as does exclusivity of territory and venue by the Dog Show Rules Committee.
- Lure Coursing was reported to be down by 12% while Coursing Ability Test (CAT) increased 7%.
- Forty four AKC Member Clubs do not have seated Delegates.
- The Canine Health Foundation (CHF) launched a new program addressing tick-born diseases in dogs. This has emerged as a major health concern.
- Purina donated \$220,000 to the CHF from its Weight Circle program in 2015.
- Some Parent Clubs reported having great difficulty in accessing contact information for the top winning Junior in their breed. The addresses of the Juniors are not published in the catalogs out of concern for privacy.

At the Caucus which followed all seven of the candidates running for election to the AKC Board participated in an open forum Q and A. WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT! Many of the responses to the soft ball questions were less than enlightening. At least a couple of the candidates did not respond to the question posed but rather gave a generic answer. A number of the Delegates left the session wondering how to vote responsibly.

A Board of Directors requires thoughtful, insightful, creative and prudent members to lead an organization IMHO. More so the AKC as a multimillion dollar organization representing nearly 5000 clubs, their members, breeders, the purebred dog community as well as the mission to be the " dogs champion ".

This session was in stark contrast to their presentations at the December meeting. At that meeting they were also subjected to a Q and A session in which they had to think "on their feet". They then delivered their prepared speeches. In the intervening four months the ability of some to respond in a creative and thoughtful manner seemed to have waned.

The voting the next morning told the tale in one ballot. It was widely expected that several ballots would be necessary due to there being seven candidates. However it was over and done on the first ballot and the vote was decisive. Three hundred sixty six votes were cast with 184 needed to be elected. The Tellers' report told it all:

Linda Ayres Turner Knorr	57 votes
Thomas Powers	86 votes
Rita Biddle	110 votes
Gretchen Bernardi	135 votes
Karolynne McAteer	189 votes—elected
Paricia Cruz	202 votes—elected
William Feeney	207 votes—elected

It is of interest to note that none of those on the slate put forth by the Nominating Committee prevailed. All of those elected were running by petition with both Cruz and Feeney reelected from the existing Board class of 2016. Immediately following the Delegate meeting the new Board met to elect the officers. Ron Menaker was elected Chair, unanimously. The Vice Chair, Carl Ashbey, made it through by a lesser margin, we learned.

The Delegates turned down a proposed amendment for the By-Laws which would have allowed Judges who are also Delegates to charge a fee of \$150.00 when judging. It garnered about 50% of the votes but fell short of the 2/3 requirement. This issue comes up every few years and has been defeated each time.

The reports of the Chair, President and CFO were all very positive. The modest increase in litter and dog registrations has turned around a nearly 20 year downward trend was reported. The status of the AKC programs, employees, events and new initiatives were presented by the President, Dennis Sprung and Chairman Ron Menaker.

AKC Delegate Report (Continued)

Connie Butherus



Outside of the Delegate's meetings however it was another story that had captured the interest of the Delegates. The WSJ broke a story the morning of the first day that took all of the Delegates by surprise. It was reported that the AKC was to open a store featuring doggy day care, grooming, training, dog walking, etc., in NYC on the upper West side. It is to be located in a new, high-end, large residential high rise building and available as an amenity to the residents. This was reported to be the first of a venture and if successful to expand to other metro areas across the US. There were both positive and negative comments offered at the Delegate's meeting. One noted that brick and mortar stores were failing with the growth of the on-line economy and predictions of lawsuits from having caused harm to the clients' pets. (One must wonder how to do dog grooming on-line, much less dog walking??) The President, Dennis Sprung, defended the move and added "Who knows dogs better than the AKC?" More on this to be sure!

Dr. Charles Garvin, the newly elected Chair of the CHF, delivered a tribute to the immediate past Chair, Dr. Duane Butherus, noting the advances made during his tenure. The Delegates responded in a standing ovation.

Pat Laurans reported on the Disaster Relieve Trailer project. Forty three have been delivered in 23 states, with 8 more in the process of being completed. Funds are being sought for an additional 13.

The AKC Political Action Committee (PAC) Chair, Carl Ahsbey, addressed the need for contributions in order to have the funds to support dog-friendly legislators and legislation which protects the rights of responsible dog owners. Voluntary contributions to the PAC are used to support candidates who share our mission as well as to influence legislation impacting animal owners. Clubs will be contacted requesting financial support.

The next quarterly meeting will be June 12 and 13 in the greater New York area.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Butherus
AHCA Delegate to the AKC

Nuggets of Nostalgia

*Do you know
these people
from our past?*



See answer on page 16

AHCA History and Archives Helen Stein



November issues. Breed columnist Harry Bennett and his guest contributors write excellent articles about the fine points of the Afghan Hound, covering such things as coat texture, "The King of Dogs", size, "The Essence of the Afghan Hound...breed-specific articles that are worth reading and sharing. Archived articles can also be viewed on the website: go to web address <http://www.akc.org/pubs/gazette/> and scroll down to the listing of monthly issues.

AHCA Archives April, 2016

The number of visitors to the Library/Archives booth at the National in Atlanta was the highest number of people that we have had since Lancaster in 2009. A big factor in this increased traffic was the prime location of the booth, and even more due to the giant TV screen (Thank You, Tony Saia!). Thanks to everyone who stopped by to look at scrapbooks and videos -- it was great to see some new faces and some longtime friends.

Some new additions to the Archives:

- (1) A lovely book donated by Jenny Pearce. This first edition (1968) Titled "Great Show Dogs of America" is a pictorial presentation of the top winning dogs ranked in the "Top 400" by the Phillips System for the period 1956-1966. There are 12 well-known Afghan Hounds represented.
- (2) Sandy Nelson donated videos of the 2004 National Specialty which had the theme "Northern Lights". We did not have a copy of this video and the film company did not have any for sale--so thank you, Sandy!
- (3) From Valerie Stokes: A personalized binder containing issues of *The Hounds Tale*, the newsletter of the Afghan Hound Club of California. Issues run from September 1964 through August 1965. This lovely magazine (edited by Valerie Stokes and Peggy Denning) was notable at the time because it was a step above the mimeograph pages published by other dog clubs. It was recognized by the Dog Writers Association of America as Best Club Bulletin in 1965. It attracted participation from across the country, and many well-known West Coast fanciers are pictured in its pages.
- (4) Fascinating photos and clippings from Betty Stites -- photos from the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's -- influential dogs in our breed --some photos are included in this issue and all will be put into Club scrapbooks.
- (5) Historical writings including the original breed standard for the Afghan Hound (England) were sent to me by Lt. Col. (USAF, Ret.) Wallace H. Pedé. An interesting comment from Wally: "I am sending the original Afghan Hound standard from England sent to me by the Secretary of the English Kennel Club. We happened to be friends simply because he was flying in the Royal Air Force and I was flying for our Air Force during WWII". Also included were a copy of *The Bulletin* (1951) (the official publication of the AHCA), and several workbooks for various breed symposiums presented by Col. Pedé in the 70's & 80's. Thanks, Wally!

A note...

Since the AKC ceased print publication of Pure-Bred Dogs, American Kennel Gazette, fanciers comment that they have trouble remembering to go online to read Gazette articles. And pity those who don't have Internet access! I encourage everyone to read the Afghan Hound column in the AKC Gazette online magazine; our breed is represented in the February, May, August and

I look forward to seeing everyone in Rhode Island!

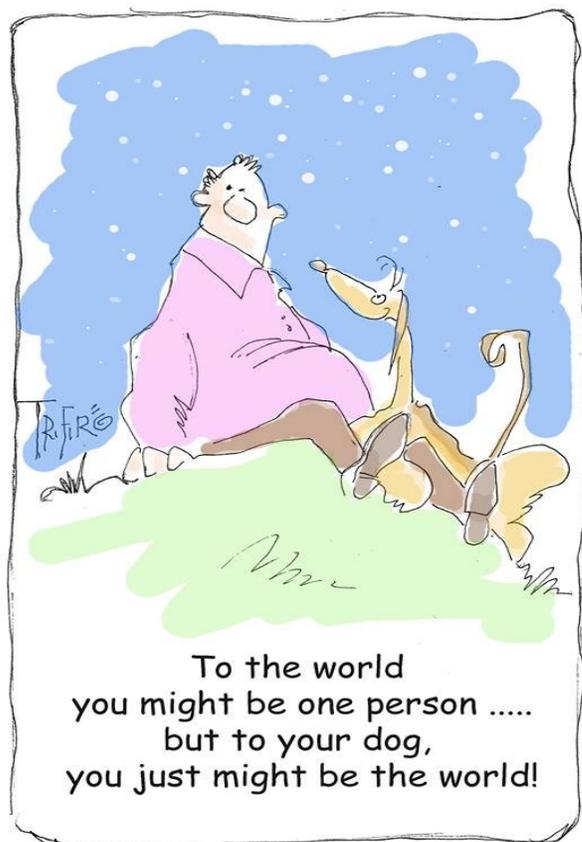
Helen Stein
AHCA Archives



AWARDS REPORT Barb Hastings

I have received the statistics for 2015 and will be sending out the congratulatory letters in the next few weeks. We are currently working on finding a new supplier for our medallions as the business we have used in the past is no longer in operation, if anyone has any suggestions, please contact me a.s.a.p. I would also like to thank all the Regional Clubs for being so prompt with their requests for the BOW and Parade of Rescue medallions!

Barb Hastings
AHCA Awards Chair



Canine Health Report

Eileen Laudermilch



Takeaway information from the 2015 Canine Health Conference

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Laudermilch RN CCRN, Health Chair

As the AHCA Health Chair I had the opportunity to attend the Health Conference in St. Louis co-sponsored by Purina and the AKC. There were two lectures on bloat by Laura Nelson DVM, MS, DACVS and by Elizabeth Rozanski, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC. Our club is a full sponsor of the bloat initiative and I am thrilled that the research is advancing. As in all studies, the more questions you answer, the more questions you raise. I am proud of the work accomplished so far and consider myself privileged to have been the AHCA Health Chair. I have more information to share in the future issues of Topknot News.

Bloat is known as GDV, gastric dilatation (enlargement) and volvulus (twisting on itself). This occurs when a dog's stomach becomes dilated and distended due to an accumulation of gas or fluid and then rotates on its small axis, therefore trapping the gas and fluid inside. Dilatation without volvulus will still cause symptoms of bloat. This condition is most common in large and giant breed dogs and those who have a deep chest. Even though it can occur in mixed breeds, it is most common in pure bred dogs. The breeds with the largest occurrence are German Shepherds and Great Danes.

Signs of GDV should be considered an emergency as the condition can progress rapidly and cause a great amount of damage to multiple organ systems. Fatality rates have decreased dramatically in the last several years with treatment but if untreated, GDV is always fatal. Mortality used to be 33% to 68%, now it is 10% to 43%. If the duration is greater than 5 hours and a high lactate level in the blood (this shows cell death) the prognosis is extremely poor. If the dog needs a splenectomy with the surgery, there is a 32% mortality. Heart arrhythmias (due to chemical imbalances also from cell death) are a poor prognosis. A gastrectomy (partial removal of a necrotic stomach) has a 55% mortality. Survival with surgery is a 50/50 chance.

Warning signs include but not limited to are, distended abdomen, abdominal pain, excessive drooling, unsuccessful attempts to vomit or belch, dry heaving, weakness, shortness of breath, pale gums, hypothermia, lethargy and to the point of collapse, and reluctance to "settle". Dogs become anxious due to the pain bloat causes and may have a change of temperament and combined with any of the other symptoms it must also be considered a sign of bloat.

Risk factors including the baseline risk of any particular breed and if the dogs have a first degree relative that have experienced bloat. This brings up the likelihood of a hereditary factor. Bloat is more common in older dogs than younger dogs, possible due to age relating stretching of the ligaments that help support the

stomach in place. Also increased body weight and leaner bodies are at an increased risk. Larger dogs are at risk because there is more room in their abdominal cavity for the stomach to expand and move around and leaner dogs have less abdominal fat to serve as a padding to keep the stomach in place. Also, fearful and nervous temperament has been connected with an increased risk of bloat or a recent experience of environmental stress, such as staying in a kennel or going on a car journey.

Dietary factors may also increase risk. Foods that contain oil or fat among the first four ingredients, feeding a large volume of food at one time instead of feeding two or more meals, or feeding a single food type without mixing in supplemental food, fish or eggs may be a risk although less clear. The most recent research now suggests that an elevated food bowl may also increase risk. Mild exercise after eating is not shown to increase risk.

As of now, it is not understood why dogs with identical risks do or do not develop GVD. One possible reason could be gut motility. It has long been realized that dogs with GVD have a decrease in gut mobility; however it is unclear if this is a result of the GVD or a cause of it. If this does identify as a cause, dogs could have their gastric motility measured and might help to identify those dogs at risk. These mechanisms are still poorly understood. In dogs with rotation of the stomach, there is compression of the surrounding blood vessels. This causes decreased blood flow to organs and can cause necrosis (tissue death) and death.

Relieving the pressure is not enough to prevent associated organ dysfunction. Loss of blood flow to the organs and the post operative restoration of blood flow can cause a systemic inflammatory response syndrome and multiple organ dysfunction causing cardiac arrhythmias, intravascular clotting, low blood pressure, kidney failure and pneumonia. Post operative care is of utmost importance in preventing and treating these complications.

Diagnosis is made by the warning signs, and an abdominal X-ray. And ECG, lab work and stabilization of blood pressure is all crucial pre op. Post op the patient must be closely monitored and pain relief provided. Organ function and metabolic abnormalities must be addressed.

Gastropexy, the permanent surgical attachment of the stomach to the abdominal wall can be used to prevent initial or recurrent bloat. Surgical methods involve an open abdominal surgery or it can be done, minimally invasive techniques or with an endoscope.

The study of GVD still has a long way to go. Dogs are still dying and the public must be educated in the early signs so that they can receive prompt treatment. Cost is also a factor for many owners. Many owners cannot afford expensive surgery or post op care. Health insurance for high risk breeds might be a feasible option.

MEMORIAL

Members who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge:

Clarissa V. Skawski

Missed by us all.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREEDER-JUDGES

By Allan Reznik

HEATHER LINDBERG, WINDSTAR AFGHANS, TAMPA, FLORIDA



Heather Lindberg judging her first Afghan Hound assignment. The dog is GCh. Shylo Uptown Strutter

Did you grow up in a doggy household? Yes, I did. As a child, we had Smooth Fox Terriers, Schipperkes, Whippets, Beagles and eventually, Afghan Hounds. I started in obedience at 6 years of age and I put a title on my very first dog which was a Schipperke. I began showing in conformation and Junior Showmanship around the age of 10 and later went on to apprentice for top handlers before having my own rewarding career as a professional handler.

When did you see your first Afghan Hound? Was it love at first sight and did you know this was the breed you wanted to devote your life to? I began watching Afghans regularly at shows and it was love at first sight. At this time, I was showing other breeds and working as an assistant but I would see them at shows and dreamed of owning and handling them. After years of sitting ringside and admiring this beautiful breed from afar, my mother finally conceded to allow me to get an Afghan Hound. Her only stipulation was that I learned to do all of the grooming myself

GETTING TO KNOW YOU: SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW BREEDER-JUDGES (Continued)

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HEATHER LINDBERG, WINDSTAR AFGHANS, TAMPA, FLORIDA

Where and when did you get your first Afghan Hound? My first Afghan Hound was a gift from Roger and Johanna Tanner of Xanadu. His name was Ch. Shundu Suni Shai Hulud (Ch Tazaru of Grandeur x Ch Scarabet Legend The White Doe). I handled him in Junior Showmanship as well as in conformation. He went on to become a multiple Group winner. I was hooked on the breed and began learning all that I could.

What are the defining characteristics of the breed for you? Balance, carriage and outline are very important to me. I also believe that elasticity and spring of stride in movement should be of great importance. They are closely followed by the unique qualities of the breed such as prominent hip bones, large feet, well let down hocks, bowed rears and an exotic or Eastern expression.

What qualities do you worry we might be losing in the breed? I worry that the breed is losing carriage, overall attitude, bowed rears and proper angulation of shoulders.

Name two or three dogs and two or three bitches that were most influential in your breeding program. Even though I have bred and co-bred multiple litters, I do not have a formal breeding program. Most recently, I have co-bred several litters with John Roger Morton (Jorogz). Due to the miracles of frozen semen, the dogs that have been influential to me are Ch. Mecca's Falstaff and Ch. Jorogz Sweet Cheeks. The bitches that have been influential to me are Ch. Jorogz Domino Party Girl, Ch Jorogz Playing in the Moonlight and Ch. Jorogz Havanna who have all proven to be lovely producers. My husband Rob and I have also made frozen semen selectively available from our dog 'Spidy,' BIS, SBIS Ch. Tifarah's All Star Performer who has produced some lovely get.

Who do you consider the greatest Afghan Hound you ever saw? When I saw 'TR' (Ch Triumph of Grandeur), he simply took my breath away and made a lasting impression.

Who were your mentors in the breed and in the sport? I was blessed to have numerous mentors over the years. Some of my most influential mentors were John Roger Morton (Jorogz), Roger & Johanna Tanner (Xanadu), Bobbi Keller (Zafara), Pat Stephenson (Tarnir), Jan Reital (Tifarah), Pat Jones (Tarina), Georgie Guthrie (Charikar) and Darlene Anderson (Kulana). I was fortunate to have learned so much by handling dogs for many long time, great breeders. I truly believe that working with a variety of breeders has taught me to appreciate a wide spectrum of "type" in Afghans. By the time I had retired from handling to begin transitioning into judging, I had finished more than 50 Afghan Hounds to their championships.

Would you ever withhold awards? I would withhold awards if I truly felt it was necessary. It is important to do so in order to educate exhibitors. If judges reward extreme lack of quality, these dogs will go on to be bred and potentially diminish the true standard of the breed.

What advice would you give an exhibitor showing to you for the first time? I would encourage them to allow their dog to show themselves and walk into stacks naturally, when possible. I also like to remind exhibitors that gaiting their dog is not meant to be a race. I prefer to see a dog gait at its own pace as opposed to being raced around the ring.

Answer to — *Nuggets of Nostalgia*

You are correct if you answered:

Officers of the AHCA - 1985

From left to right: President Bud Ledbetter, Directors Judy Fellton and Betty Stites, Corresponding Secretary Lila Wadsworth, Treasurer Sally Frank, 2nd Vice President Gill Ullom and Director Helen Haas.

Afghan Patterning

FROM THE AKC BREED COLUMN "AFGHAN HOUND"

February 2003 GEORGIE GUTHRIE (1923-2009)

Bravo! Patterned Afghan Hounds are alive and doing well. The Afghan Hound breed standard states that "showing of short hair on the cuffs, on either front or back legs is permissible." The only fault listed with regard to coat is the lack of a shorthaired saddle in mature dogs. All of this is well and good, but for a long time now almost no one has bothered to try to show sparsely coated or patterned dogs, as it has been very difficult to win with them.

At the time our standard was written, there were many Afghan Hounds that had sparse coats and patterning on the legs and elsewhere. When Afghan Hounds were first brought out of their native lands to the Western world, their original breeders and owners were more concerned with having a functional hunter than a coat machine, and this was reflected in our standard. Modern breeders have piled on the hair to the point where a heavily coated dog would be encumbered in the field, catching hair on brush, trees, or rocks. We have hung so much hair on our hounds that we now have to thin it out and sculpt it in order to maintain the outline of the hound. Patterning may occur in varying degrees. A hound, generally a male, may be quite heavily coated, including the desired profusion of foot fur, yet be bare on the pasterns, both front and rear. This can only be seen by lifting up the hair. This dog is generally saddled naturally and also has the bare neck patches. Patterning may range from only bare pasterns all the way to the dog with bare patches on its thighs, a very low saddle line, and practically no shoulder cape. This may be more prevalent in bitches due to their after season coat blows. Unfortunately, sparse topknots can go along with extreme patterning.

I had a bitch who took a long time to finish. She could only be shown about every six months because she went so naked after her seasons, but she eventually filled in, except for the bareness on her legs. There was a big object-lesson with this bitch: While a rather plain Afghan, her saving grace was complete soundness and lovely movement from any angle. Almost every judge who gave her points remarked on her gait. I learned that if you have a very true-moving animal, the lack of leg coat flying all over really shows off good movement. Conversely, of course, poor movement would stand out also, not being camouflaged by coat.

This year there have been a number of major wins here in the West by dogs that have been quite patterned. I was told recently by a longtime hound judge that she thought it was nice to see a couple of patterned bitches in the ring. The major wins have been made under breeder-judges who are more apt to understand the vagaries of Afghan Hound coat. But, it would be wonderful if more judges in general, would acknowledge patterned dogs. Just routinely putting up the hugely coated animals whose profusion of hair masks the true outline, balance, and qualities of the Afghan Hound may not give you the best hound there.

Selected extracts from “American Innocents Abroad” by Claire Peters, 1934, written 1999

Compiled by Murray Anderson (“Tazi Tourist”), New Zealand

The tiger is content with the blue bull’s neck,
And leaves the rest to jackal and to fox.
A single Afghan hound kills the great stag of the plains,
While yelping curs nose the village dung heaps.
-Khushal Khan

One Friday, the Mohammedan Sabbath, we informed Mohammed (the Peters’ Pathan hired helper from Peshawar) that we wanted to drive into the country to find an Afghan Hound. Without attempting to hide his lack of enthusiasm, Mohammed replied that he would inquire for places to go.

Ever since his first visit to Afghanistan, Babe (nickname of Laurance Peters) had hankered for an Afghan Hound and now was determined to buy one. It is said that the lineage of this rare and historic beast can be traced six thousand years, moreover, he is supposed to be descended from the dogs which Noah took with him on the Ark. An ascertained fact is that his facsimile may be found on the walls on ancient Egyptian tombs. To the uninitiated eye he appears grotesque at first. Once familiar with his conventionalities, however, he acquires beauty and dignity rarely found in dogs. Of hound build, his curving gauntness is well concealed by long silky hair. Incredibly long ears, an impudent tail curled high over his back, and enormous soft eyes, complete his picture. He has been likened to a baboon, a bear, and a chimpanzee, but in reality he must be seen to be believed.

A sporting dog, the Afghan Hound is chiefly used for coursing gazelle. In this ancient sport the hound is employed in conjunction with falcons. The falcon is trained to bewilder the gazelle by flapping it’s wings about it’s head; the dog then pulls him down by the ears, after which the hunters ride to the scene with their spears and make the kill. The Afghan Hound hunts by sight rather than scent and thus is called a gazehound. He can see incredible distances, much farther than the human eye. His fleetness is proverbial. There

is an old Afghan saying -- that the day a gazelle is born, only a fleet horse may catch him; the second day, only an Afghan Hound; the third day, only Allah!



Tazi, Claire, George and Afghans, Tea Time on the road

The first village we visited on our quest for a hound was Tara Khel. We were greeted on the outskirts by the Hakim, the chief of the village, a friendly fat man with waves of flesh billowing from neck to knee. Rugs were brought from his house and soon we were drinking tea as his guests. As soon as the subject of dogs was introduced in the properly roundabout fashion, he told us, through Mohammed of course, that all his dogs had unaccountably died the night before. Mohammed’s satisfaction was ill-concealed. After a polite interval we left the hospitable Hakim, and journeyed to another village nearby. The road having ceased, we had long since abandoned our car and were going by foot.

In this village we again had tea, this time in the house of the Hakim, though the chief himself was tilling a neighboring field. With the expression of a canary-surfeited cat, Mohammed said: “It is a great pity but these people say all their dogs did die mysteriously only last night.” “But that is silly,” protested Babe. “All the dogs in the country wouldn’t have died in one night!” “Ah, but yes, if it is the will of Allah, who accomplishes queer but wonderful things.” We later became convinced that it was all Mohammed’s doing, that the plague was a product of his imagination, an invention made possible as he interpreted. He could have told them we were looking for an elephant for all we would have known.

Selected extracts from “American Innocents Abroad” by Claire Peters, 1934 (Continued)



Claire with Saki (f) and Tazi (b) in a shikara (water taxi), Kashmir

We returned to Kabul full of blisters and disappointment to find great activity (a brutal culling of all the street dogs) ... We could not believe our eyes, but were nauseated with horror..... No amount of covering my head and stuffing my ears comforted me.....(bit too graphic/ unsettling to reprint here the full description of what went on). We endured the day somehow, but it will always be indelibly stamped on our memory, a ghastly nightmare. We doubted the wisdom of getting a dog of our own as perhaps it would meet a similar fate. However, we were informed that an Afghan Hound was much too valuable to kill, that the greatest risk we would run would be having it stolen. We decided to get one, provided we could find one in this Afghan Hound-less country.

TAZI

The morning of my birthday dawned in a burst of color, giving promise of a perfect day, clear, cold, brilliant. Babe jumped from bed. “Well, today’s the day. I feel in my bones that before night you will have an Afghan Hound for a birthday present.” “Don’t count on it too much.” I temporized. “Remember, Allah’s breakfast may not have agreed with him and he will frown on us.” Mohammed was crushed when we told him our plans. He had no doubt thought we had given up our quest, having little experience with American tenacity. Someone had suggested that we try Paghman, the summer capital, so off we went with our fingers crossed, Babe optimistic, George (Taggart, fellow American friend and traveling companion) and I skeptical, and Mohammed sour. The drive was interesting, the road quite good.... Halfway to Paghman, we gave a ride to a dusty but cheerful soldier walking from Kabul on leave. Mohammed sunk in despair, refused to talk to him. In the halting Persian with which we had armed ourselves for the expedition, we asked: “Keujast sag tazi?” (Where is dog Afghan Hound) Our answer was a flow of what might have been gibberish for all it meant to us. “You” pointing to him, “find us” beating our breast, “sag tazi.” We held up some Afghan coins. Money, the universal language, he understood at once, nodded enthusiastically, and directed us to Beg Tute, a village outside Paghman.

Installing us in a teahouse high on a small cliff, the soldier disappeared for some time. “He will not be back” Hopefully from Mohammed. “He only wanted the ride.” Gloomily from me. “What did I tell you !” shouted Babe, triumph glinting in his eyes, for around the corner came the soldier, a farmer, and ten Afghan Hounds. Mohammed sulked and would have nothing to do with any of us. We were too excited to care. We were actually looking at ten beautiful hounds of every color, black, red, fawn and white. They were as

deer-like in their wildness as though they had never before seen man.

Shortly, a man appeared with tea and bread, and the business of bargaining commenced. From previous experience, Babe began by offering a ridiculously low price, talking only with figures taken hastily gleaned from Persian Self Taught. The Afghan countered with another proposal out of all reason. After many pots of tea and much compromising, they agreed on a price, absurdly small to us but no doubt a year’s living to the Afghan.

We then performed the difficult task of choosing a dog. We settled on a fawn male in the last stages of puppyhood, the only indication we had as to his age. We named him Tazi, the Afghan term for his breed, and waited another hour while his owner tried to catch him. At this, we wondered if he really belonged to the man. We departed.

Poor Tazi was very unhappy for several weeks. The feeling was quite mutual for we were unhappy too, daily becoming more convinced that we had wasted our money. He lived under our beds, in the darkest corners. It was hazardous work to pull him out, snapping and snarling, for his meals or to be walked. On the leash he was possessed of a demon. Fortunately he was instinctively housebroken. After three weeks of useless advances, Babe went to the bazaars and negotiated to use Tazi as a down payment for a rug which had been tempting us for some time.

That night we sat in our room feeling very sorry for ourselves, partly from indigestion wished on us by the hotel cook, but mostly because of our failure to tame Tazi. In spite of our unrequited affection, we had grown to love him. Suddenly a fawn muzzle appeared from under the bed. Limpid brown eyes gazed at us questioningly. Then he slowly crawled forward and lay at our feet. Our eyes bulging from our heads, we gingerly put our hands on him. He sniffed them, then to our incredulous astonishment, he licked them. We fell upon him with cries of joy; he haltingly accepted our advances. From that moment on, he was our dog, as affectionate and loving an animal as we could wish. “Babe, do you suppose he understood what we were saying about trading him for a rug ?” Awe was discernible in my tones. “I’m sure I couldn’t say, but it’s mighty queer that he would change so suddenly for no reason at all.”

Selected extracts from “American Innocents Abroad” by Claire Peters, 1934 (Continued)

There was reason for Tazi’s mistrust of mankind. The Koran teaches that the dog, like the pig, is unclean. A wise tenet, for both are disease-infested in the East. However, it is absurd to apply it to the Afghan Hound which is in most cases more cleanly than his master. The Afghan and his hound are a paradox. The master goes to great lengths to protect and keep the strain pure, but shows no affection for him. Apparently they feel they acquire religious merit and fulfil their religious duty by kicking and starving him. Little wonder Tazi misunderstood us at first.

The advent of Tazi brought the downfall of Mohammed. Increasingly morose, he refused to walk Tazi, to brush his rug, or even to carry meat for him from the bazaars. He had told too many fine stories about himself to the hotel servants. At the risk of losing his job, he was incapable of lowering himself in their eyes. Delighted for an excuse, he had become worse than useless, we packed him back to India with a sigh of relief.

(Later Laurance (‘Babe’) & Claire, George, a new government provided Afghan guide, Qassam, and a cook/servant, Baba, plus Tazi the tazi, in a Ford lorry, drove around Afghanistan, trying to take films and photographs to produce a travelogue, but were continually obstructed and prevented by the Afghan authorities who did not want anything reported, such as chadors, turbans, camel trains etc. which would make their country look backward in their opinion. Instead they wanted to show the new, modern Afghanistan, European style suits, motor cars and trucks, new buildings, not mud houses. The journey was fraught with frustrations, obstructions, delays, and disappointments, but also adventure and scenic wonder, and in the words of Claire “experiences never to be forgotten” Upon their return to Kabul....)

SAKI

Since the day Tazi became a member of the family, we had carried on a persistent search for a mate. At all times the natives were reluctant to show their females, much less sell one. Happily our luck was to change. One day, having driven to Paghman to kill time, we were able to buy a hungry female which we promptly named Saki after the wife of Omar Khayyam. Cringing, half-starved, and in poor coat, Saki won our hearts at once with her refined features and her eyes which seemed to bore through the present into the past, the wisdom of the ages in their depths. Saki and Tazi admired each other from the beginning, and apparently quite enjoyed hotel life.

EXPORT PROBLEMS

Returning from another of his fruitless quests in search of Faiz Mohammed (the Afghan Foreign Minister), Babe had news:.... “I was informed today that a new law had just been passed forbidding any foreigner to carry a camera on the streets of Kabul unless accompanied by a government censor.”..... “You haven’t heard all of it, sister. They’ve passed a new law forbidding the exporting of Afghan Hounds.” “What!” I shrieked. “They can’t do that to us!” “Oh, yes, they can. They’ve already done it.” “Well, I won’t leave Tazi and Saki here, I can tell you that! I’ll shoot them first.”



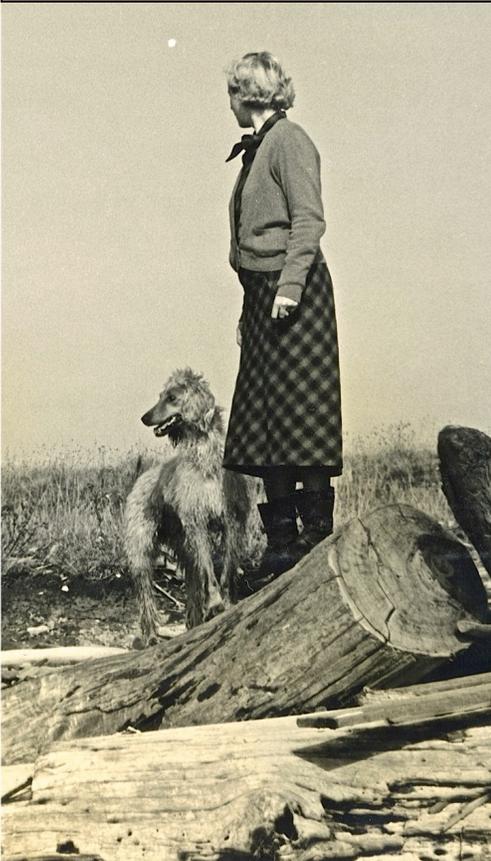
Saki of Paghman & Tazi of Beg Tute



Laurance & Claire and Saki & Tazi on board ship,
States-bound

(Laurance then had an unsuccessful audience with the Foreign Minister concerning taking their films and dogs out of the country.) “Listen,” said I. “give me a chance at the Foreign Office. I think I might have some nuisance value.” At all times my presence there had been a discomfiting element. Foreign females were something they did not understand and the less they saw of them the better. We felt that my appearance might give their suave ability to procrastinate a set-back. Accordingly, I went alone next day to the office of the secretary, Abdul Sammud.

Selected extracts from “American Innocents Abroad” by Claire Peters, 1934 (Continued)



Claire & Tazi

“Good morning, Sahib. I demand an interview with His Excellency, Faiz Mohammed Khan.” I came to the point at once as we had arranged I should. This reversal of proceedings immediately disconcerted the worthy Mudir. “I am sorry, Madame,” he replied, “but His Excellency is very busy with affairs of state.” His obvious embarrassment at my presence gave me the advantage and no small degree of confidence. I made a speech condemning the underhanded actions of the government in passing laws directed at ourselves. I pointed with scorn at their allowing us to purchase our dogs, to become attached to them, and then declare that we could not keep them. I described the treatment I, as a woman, had received in the country, and pointed out that even the highest officials were going to treat me with equal inconsideration by causing me grief and unhappiness in taking away my beloved pets.

At a loss for a reply, poor Abdul Samud writhed in his seat, had I been an Afghan woman, I would have gotten a blow for my trouble and been dismissed. He could only murmur that a law was a law. At this, I stormed and dabbed my eyes threateningly, which caused his downfall. He arose, escorted me hastily to the door, and promised to see what could be done to making an exception to the new law. I left appeased but assured him that I would be back to haunt him unless he procured the necessary permission. This unexpected and phenomenal success of my flimsy scheme was demonstrated the following morning when Rahim (the new interpreter) appeared. “So-so-so, My government does a very kind favor for you.” He said importantly. “Abdul Samud has given me, Rahim, permission to escort you through customs to see that your dogs go with you.” “That is very kind,” I spoke up. “I would have had a very great illness if they had refused.”

(And so, with passports validated to leave, and no conclusion yet reached about the films, the next day they hurried to the border, exited without problems, and made it through the Khyber Pass.) Almost delirious with strain, heat and fatigue, we entered the limits of Peshawar looking like three drunken, bedraggled scarecrows. Hysterically but joyfully, Babe shouted: “Oh Boy! Drinks! Fans! Baths! English food! Dean’s Hotel! India! Paradise!



Saki and Tazi in their kennel run, Washington state, USA.

— ITEMS FOR SALE —

Lt. Colonel Wally Pedé is offering the items pictured on the following pages for sale to the highest bidder. These items are from his personal collection accumulated over his lifetime of involvement with dogs. Bids & questions should be submitted to Lt. Colonel Pedé at privatepede@cox.net. *25% of the purchase price will be donated to the Afghan Hound Club of America in honor of Kay Pedé.* All dimensions are approximate. Purchaser will be responsible for shipping.



#1. Oil Painting on black velvet
4' 10 1/2" W x 3' 11 1/4" H



#2. Painting by same artist that painted Queen of England's dogs
1' 8" W x 1' 10" H



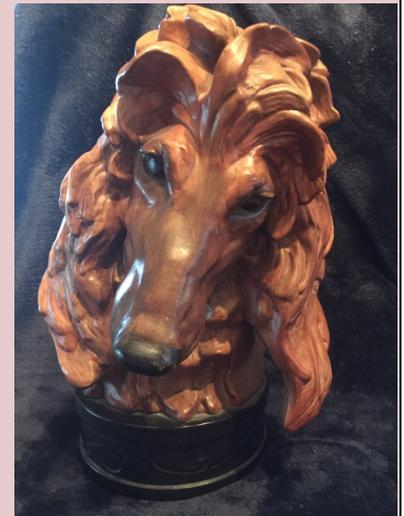
#3. Pastel hand painting
1' 6 3/4" W x 2' 1" H



#4. Oil painting on canvas
1' W x 1' 4" H



#5. ceramic on green burlap
3dimensional 11 5/8" W x 1' 3 1/2" H



#6. Ceramic
7" W x 1' H x 8 1/2" D



#7. A very realistic sculpture of a Bronze BIS Afghan by a plastic surgeon HEAVY
9" H x 10 1/4" L x 6 1/4" W



#8. A sculpture presented to Col. Pedé after a judging assignment in Finland in the 50's
10 1/2" L x 10" H x 4.5" W

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#9 A Kay Finch sculpture
HEAVY13" H x 11 3/8" L x 5 3/4" W



#10 Ceramic Figurine
6 1/2" W x 6 3/4" H



#11 Afghan pillow
12" x 12"



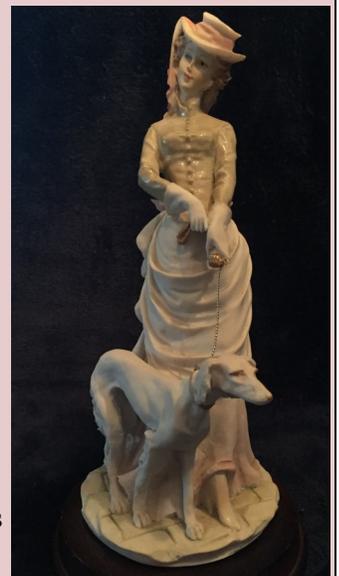
#12 Presented to Col. Pedé from
the AHCC 9 5/8" W x 7 1/2" D



#13 Oil Painting by
the owner with her
two Afghans
47 1/2" T X 37" W



#14 Ceramic sculpture by the
same artist that does the
Queen of England's dogs
9 1/4" W x 7 3/8" H



#15 Ceramic sculpture 6 1/4" W x 10 1/4" H



#16 Ceramic Sculpture by artist
that does Queen of England's
dogs 8 3/8" W x 8 5/8" H



#17 Presented to Col. Pedé on
a judging visit to Japan
8 7/8" W x 7 3/8" H



#18 On wood, very unusual wood
wall hanging 7 1/2" W x 6" H

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#19 Metal Figurine on Wooden Stand 5 1/2" W x 4 1/4" H



#20 Metal Figurine on Wooden Stand 3" W x 1.5" D



#21 Ceramic Figurine on Wooden Stand 8 5/8" W x 7 1/4" H



#22 Ceramic Figurine 6 1/8" W x 6 5/8" H



#23 Ceramic Figurine 5 1/8" W x 2 1/8" H



#24 Ceramic Figurine 6 7/8" W x 5 7/8" H



#25 Ceramic Figurine 4 1/2" W x 4 3/4" H



#26 Ceramic Figurine Does have chip 10 3/8" W x 6 3/8" H



#27 Ceramic Figurine 5 1/8" W x 4 1/4" H

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#28 Metal Figurine
6" W x 5" H



#29 Ceramic Figurine
3 5/8" W x 3 1/2" H



#30 Ceramic Figurine
5 1/2" W x 4 1/4" H



#31 Metal Figurine
6.5" W x 3 3/8" H



#32 Ceramic Figurine
2 3/8" W x 3 3/8" H



#33 Ceramic Figurine on Wood-
en Stand
7 5/8" W x 5 3/4" H



#34 Ceramic Figurine
3 7/8" W x 3 3/4" H



#35 Ceramic Figurine
5.5" W x 3.5" H



#36 Gold Figurine
7 1/4" W x 6 3/4" H

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#37 Metal Figurine
8 1/4" W x 6 5/8" H



#38 Ceramic Figurine
8 1/4" W x 11" H



#39 Glass Figurine
6 5/8" W x 5 3/8" H



#40 Framed Afghan Portrait
1' 11 1/4" W x 19 7/8" H



#41 Saluki Painting on Parchment
14 7/8" W x 1' H



#42 Afghan Painting on Wood
11.5" W x 9 1/8" H



#43 Ceramic Figurine on Wood Base
7 3/6" W x 4 5/8" H



#44 Wooden Figurine
7.5" W x 6" H



#45 Glass Etchings on Black Velvet
11 1/4" W x 15" H

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DATE	CLUB (Show location)	ENT	JUDGE	BOB	BOS
Jan 17	AHC of Gt Portland (OR)	18	Jean Austin	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh DC Perfection Cheria Electric Ice SC
Feb 14	Nutmeg AHC (CT) am	47	Helen Gibson (Aus)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir
Feb 14	Colonial AHC (CT) pm	40	Davor Javor (Cro)	GCh Genesis Silverado (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)
Feb 15	AHA of Long Island (CT)	39	Kerin Hutchings (Aus)	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)
Mar 14	Potomac AHC (PA) DS	36	Dr John Reeve-Newson (Can)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	GCh Beaujon's Breaking News
Mar 27	Tidewater AHC (VA)	22	Pamela Bruce (Can)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	GCh Xandali Dream Maker
Mar 28	Richmond AHC (VA)	34	Avril Lancashire (UK)	Criston Lord Of Lexington (D)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)
Mar 29	Richmond AHC (VA)	34	Mike Lancashire (UK)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	GCh Kasban Sura Bell Bottom Blues
Mar 27	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ)	43	Gene Vaccaro	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Shylo Black And Blue All Over
Mar 28	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	44	Jennifer Atkinson (NZ)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Hassan's Moves Like Jagger
Mar 29	AHC of Gt Phoenix (AZ)	35	Ed Gilbert (I-S,D), Pat Gilbert (B)	Ch Hassan's Moves Like Jagger (D)	Jamna Baker
Apr 10	AHC of California (CA) am	37	Valerie Stokes	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger)
Apr 10	AHC of California (CA) pm	35	Richard Souza	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Victoria's Jp Catherine M-Topone (Jpn)
Apr 12	Tara AHC (GA) DS	28	JoAnne Buehler	GCh Criston Enchanted (B)	Ch Sebring Elan Monkey Business
Apr 25	AHC of Dallas (TX) am	24	Gretchen Bernardi	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Justified
Apr 25	AHC of Dallas (TX) pm	26	Steve Kelly	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Jorogz' Here For The Party
May 01	AHC of Nthn New Jersey (NJ)	33	Edith Hanson	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Ch Mazshalnas Rich Girl Taj Anrob
May 09	Carolina AHC (NC)	26	Stephen Fisher	Ch Sharja Snowdrift (D)	Sharja Stratosphere
May 30	AHC of St Louis (MO)	33	Stephen Fisher	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Jolie Justified
Jun 05	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) am	30	Patricia Franklin	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Foxrun Wynsyr Rumor Has It
Jun 05	AHC of Gt Chicago (IL) pm	28	Gill Ullom	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Foxrun Wynsyr Master Of The Skies
Jun 06	Monterey Bay AHC (CA) DS	23	Pamela Bruce (Can)	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	Thaon's Emotion
Jun 12	Colonial AHC (CT)	39	Honi Reisman	GCh Charteroak Blu Star (D)	Ch Pahlavi Marilyn Merlot
Jun 13	Nutmeg AHC (CT)	46	Joanne Weatherly	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	GCh Charteroak Blu Star
Jun 14	AHA of Long Island (CT)	37	Janis Reital	GCh Brilliant Night Jp Dear Zeus (imp Jpn) (D)	GCh Greatest Love Of All A Touch Of Freedom (imp Ger)
Jul 31	Evergreen AHC (WA)	23	Jay Hafford	GCh Raffica's Jail House Rock (D)	GCh Kalani Kaikamahine Me Kaleo
Aug 01	Evergreen AHC (WA) DS	18	Steve Kelly	Ch Corpse Bride of Enigma Dreams at Raffica (imp Ice) (B)	Ch Prohpechy's Georgio Armani of Shining Mountain
Aug 07	Midwest AHC (OH)	47	Jay Hafford	Ch Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill (B)	Ch Regle Artist Of Life
Aug 08	AHC of S/W Ohio (OH)	46	Scott Pfeil	Ch Shylo Sassoon of Enigma Dreams (imp Ice) (D)	Google Me of Meadow Valley (imp Ger)
Aug 09	AHC of Gt Columbus (OH)	48	Lex Robertson	Seafire's Memories In Black And White CGC (D)	Ch Winsong's Coco Chanel
Aug 21	Gt Twin Cities AHC (MN)	43	Chris Kaiser	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Elmo's Martian Chronicles
Sep 03	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	21	Lex Robertson	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Shylo Black And Blue All Over
Sep 04	AHC of Gt Denver (CO)	24	JoAnne Buehler	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Shylo Black And Blue All Over
Sep 04	Gt Detroit AHC (MI) am	19	Barbara Arnott (Can)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	GCh Xenos Condren (imp Itl)
Sep 04	Gt Detroit AHC (MI) pm	19	Michael (Mickey) Koss	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (B)	Ch Jhanzi T'Silver Aquae (imp NZ)
Sep 25	Potomac AHC (VA)	31	Chris Kaiser	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo (D)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)
Sep 26	Finger Lakes AHC (NY) DS	14	Dr Eric Liebes	GCh Elmo's Madonna (B)	GCh Evensong's Master Of The House
Oct 04	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ) am	51	Nancy Edgington	GCh Charteroak Blu Star (D)	GCh Elmo's Madonna
Oct 04	Lehigh Valley AHA (NJ) pm	49	Susan Hamlin	GCh Charteroak Blu Star (D)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)
Oct 17	Nthn California AHC (CA)	26	Edith Hanson	Ch Thaon's Emotion (B)	GCh Raffica's Jail House Rock
Oct 19	AHCA National (Atlanta, GA)	95	T Chacon (I-S,D) Dr E Martin (B)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	GCh Pahlavi Itz Not My First Rodeo
Oct 23	Tara AHC (GA) am	65	Juan Miranda (Mex)	GCh Charteroak Blu Star (D)	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger)
Oct 23	Carolina AHC (GA) pm	43	Lex Robertson	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Thaon's Evolution
Oct 24	AHC of Gt Portland (WA)	17	Patricia Ullom	GCh Stormhill's Wish Upon A Star (D)	GCh Kalani Kaikamahine Me Kaleo
Nov 06	Sand 'N' See AHC of Florida	27	Patrick Guilfoyle	GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (B)	Ch Seafire's Memories In Black And White CGC
Nov 13	Sthn Arizona AHA (AZ) DS	22	Betty-Anne Stenmark	Ch Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (imp Ger) (D)	Golddragon Bloody Mary (imp Spn)
Nov 21	AHC of Omaha (IA)	32	Monica Henderson Stoner	GCh Kuhl Breezes Designer Sock Monkey (D)	Golddragon Bloody Mary (imp Spn)
Nov 22	AHC of Omaha (IA)	29	Robert (Bob) Stein	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge (B)	GCh Xzotika's Smooth Kriminal JC
Dec 11	Suncoast AHC of Florida (FL)	50	Dr Barry Deitch	GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (D)	GCh Elmo's Madonna

49 Shows (13 of 1 & 18 of 2) / 31 Clubs. No Austin, only one Gt Columbus & Tidewater, and an extra Lehigh Valley show compared to 2014. Average entry 34.6 DS - designated specialty GCh Agha Djari's Eye Candy of Sura CGC (imp Ger) (15 BIS 4 BOS), GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe) (6 BIS 3 BOS), GCh Thaon's Wallstreet (5 BIS), GCh Charteroak Blu Star (4 BIS 1 BOS). NB - AKC results omit foreign titles.

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DATE	CLUB	SELECT DOG	SELECT BITCH	BEST OF WINNERS
Jan 17	Portland	Ch Stormhill's Wish Upon A Star	GCh Kalani Kaikamahine Me Kaleo	Stormhill's Wish I Could Fly (D)
Feb 14	Nutmeg	GCh Genesis Silverado	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Deloubelle Maya Dom Perignon (imp Can) (D)
Feb 14	Colonial	GCh Exlysta Aries Ciel Noir	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Kingsleah La Vie En Rose (imp Swe) (B)
Feb 15	Long Island	GCh Genesis Silverado	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Deloubelle Maya Dom Perignon (imp Can) (D)
Mar 14	Potomac	Ch Winterberry's Music Of The Night	GCh Glitter N' Glamour A Touch Of Freedom (imp Ger)	Spice Hill Genesis (B)
Mar 27	Tidewater	Ch Ziv Hii's Element Of Fire	GCh Criston Enchanted	Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill (B)
Mar 28	Richmond	Ch Jolie Foreshadow	GCh Criston Enchanted	Criston Lord Of Lexington (D)
Mar 29	Richmond	GCh Jolie Paparazzi	GCh Criston Enchanted	El Roalito Easygoing (imp Ger) (D)
Mar 27	Sthn Arizona	Ch Celestian Amigo (imp Cro)	Ch Enarki Fairest Of Them All (imp Aus)	York's Boanne Bella Bella Oh La La (B)
Mar 28	Phoenix	GCh Wynsyr Summerwinds Paladin Got Mo Attitude	Ch Enarki Fairest Of Them All (imp Aus)	York's Cowboy Take Me Away Boanne (D)
Mar 29	Phoenix	GCh Wynsyr Summerwinds Paladin Got Mo Attitude	Ch York's Boanne Bella Bella Oh La La	Jamna Baker (B)
Apr 10	California am	GCh Celestian Amigo (imp Cro)	Ch Xandali Joie De Vivre of Lafara	Sunlit's Lites, Camera, Action ! of Summerwinds (D)
Apr 10	California pm	GCh Shenandoah Liebestraum	Ch Enarki Fairest Of Them All (imp Aus)	Victoria's Jp Catherine M-Topone (Jpn) (B)
Apr 12	Tara	GCh Shalomar Maestro's Masterpiece	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked	Sharja Sorcerer (D)
Apr 25	Dallas am	Ch Jorogz' Here For The Party	none	Sura Mickey Finn (D)
Apr 25	Dallas pm	GCh Xzotika's Smooth Kriminal JC	none	Komar's Fire 'N Ice SC (B)
May 01	Nthn NJ	Ch Pahlavi Running With Scissors	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Criston Chantilly (B)
May 09	Carolina	GCh Jolie Paparazzi	Ch Winterberry's Think Of Me	Sharja Stratosphere (B)
May 30	St Louis	Ch Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RA OA OAJ CGC	GCh Diamonds In The Sky of Meadow Valley (imp Ger)	Sura Ricmar I Only Have Eyes For You (B)
Jun 05	Chicago am	Ch Xzotika's Rik-O-Shay CD RA OA OAJ CGC	GCh Alphaville's Champagne On Ice (imp Swe)	Inisfree Sirae' Duet Whiter Shade Of Pale (B)
Jun 05	Chicago pm	Ch Xenos Composer (imp Itl)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Genesis Debutante of Spice Hill (B)
Jun 06	Monterey	Ch Jakar Something To Remember	GCh Jakar Pamir Anam Cara Summer Storm	Thaon's Emotion (B)
Jun 12	Colonial	GCh Xenos Composer (imp Itl)	GCh Greatest Love Of All A Touch Of Freedom (imp Ger)	Pahlavi Bootleg Red (D)
Jun 13	Nutmeg	GCh Zen-Pahlavi You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet JC CGC	GCh Greatest Love Of All A Touch Of Freedom (imp Ger)	Charteroak Avanteeka (B)
Jun 14	Long Island	GCh Xenos Composer (imp Itl)	Ch Jakar Wise Advice	[Taylor's Run The Avenger Khartya Simoon (D)]* disq.
Jul 31	Evergreen	Ch Stormhill's Wish Upon A Star	Ch Raffica Earth Angel	Prophpecy's Floradora Girl of Shining Mountain (B)
Aug 01	Evergreen	GCh Raffica's Jail House Rock	GCh Kalani Kaikamahine Me Kaleo	Polo's The Geisha Girl (imp Can) (B)
Aug 07	Midwest	Ch Shylo Sassoon of Enigma Dreams (imp Ice)	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge	Seafire's Memories In Black And White CGC (D)
Aug 08	SW Ohio	GCh Jolie Orion	Ch Jolie Palindrome	Google Me of Meadow Valley (imp Ger) (B)
Aug 09	Columbus	Ch Shylo Sassoon of Enigma Dreams (imp Ice)	GCh Rustic Dark Mirage Spirit Ridge	Seafire's Memories In Black And White CGC (D)
Aug 21	Twin Cities	GCh Thaon's Gman	Ch Inisfree Duet Sirae's Silhouette	Wynsyr Foxrun Spirit Of The Air (B)
Sep 03	Denver	GCh Kuhl Breeze's Designer Sock Monkey	Ch Shylo Maybelline	Jolie Blue Moon In Concert (D)
Sep 04	Denver	GCh Kuhl Breeze Benediction	Ch Kuhl Breeze Dancing In The Dark Jakar	Kuhl Breeze Slipping Into Darkness (B)
Sep 04	Detroit am	Ch Regle Artist Of Life	GCh Diamonds In The Sky of Meadow Valley (imp Ger)	Wynsyr Foxrun Femme Fatale (B)
Sep 04	Detroit pm	Ch Winsong Jamna Poetic Justice JC	GCh Diamonds In The Sky of Meadow Valley (imp Ger)	Wynsyr Foxrun Femme Fatale (B)
Sep 25	Potomac	Ch Pahlavi What The Dickens	Ch Wynsyr Foxrun Femme Fatale	Sharja Sunset (D)
Sep 26	Finger Lakes	GCh High Kalibers Marked Chivalry JC	Ch Anam Cara King's Row Treasured Angel CGCA	Tamrick Its Only Rock N Roll at Overlook (D)
Oct 04	Lehigh V. am	GCh Elevate Ur Game Cynergy of Meadow Valley (imp Ger)	GCh Kingsleah Blue Heart (imp Swe)	Simoon's Native Soul Tangled In Twylke OANAJ NF (B)
Oct 04	Lehigh V. pm	Ch Alphaville's Flash Forward (imp Swe)	GCh Elmo's Madonna	Generations Aboriginal Chief (Can) (D)
Oct 17	Nthn Calif.	Ch Countrywind's Craftsman CGC	Ch Victoria's Jp Catherine M-Topone (Jpn)	Thaon's Evanesence (B)
Oct 19	AHCA Nat.	Ch Agha Djari's Fifth Dimension of Sura (imp Ger)	GCh Jakar An Affair Most Wicked	Google Me of Meadow Valley (imp Ger) (B)
Oct 23	Tara am	GCh Jolie Paparazzi	GCh Spirit Ridge Something Royal of Rustic	Thaon's Evolution (D)
Oct 23	Carolina pm	Ch Seafire's Memories In Black And White	GCh Llacue's Aloof Midnight Melody	Sunlit's Queen Of Everything (B)
Oct 24	Portland	Ch Stormhill's Wish I Could Fly	Ch Corpse Bride of Enigma Dreams at Raffica (imp Ice)	Prophpecy's Dancing Colors By Gucci at Shining Mountain (B)
Nov 06	Sand 'N' See	GCh Polo's The Matador (imp Can)	GCh Elmo's Madonna	Spice Hill Premier (B)
Nov 13	Sthn Arizona	Ch York's Cowboy Take Me Away Boanne	none	Sura Mickey Finn (D)
Nov 21	Omaha	GCh Xzotika's Smooth Kriminal JC	Ch Terlez Winner Take All By Gold Phoenix	Premier Rodeo Drive of Nonsuch (B)
Nov 22	Omaha	GCh Jorogz' Man In The Moon	Ch Wynsyr Foxrun Femme Fatale	Golddragon Shylo Spanish Lullaby (imp Spn) (B)
Dec 11	Suncoast	GCh Charteroak Blu Star	Ch Spice Hill Genesis	Sharja Silhouette Of A Man (D)

*BOW/WD/PD subsequently disqualified as AKC did not receive puppy registration until Monday after the show.

World's first cloned dog dies at 10 March 15, 2016



Snuppy [JOONGANG PHOTO]

Korean scientists at Seoul National University's College of Veterinary Medicine confirmed Monday that the world's first canine clone died in March (2016) at age 10.

The male Afghan hound dog, named Snuppy, short for Seoul National University puppy, was born in April 2005 via efforts by a South Korean scientific team led by stem cell researcher Hwang Woo-suk, who heads the Soom Biotech Research Foundation.

For a dog, Snuppy lived an average lifespan, contradicting some claims that clones don't live as long as their naturally born counterparts. An exact cause of death was not given.

A decade ago, the bio industry lauded the first successful attempts at cloning a dog. Because a female canine ovulates just twice a year, it makes embryonic transfer and cloning substantially more difficult.

Korean researchers cloned two dogs in 2005 by transferring tissue cells into female eggs, or oocytes, that had matured in the womb. The team used cells from the ear tissue of a male Afghan hound, and 1,095 reconstructed canine embryos were transferred into 123 surrogate mother dogs. Three pregnancies became viable, and two were carried to term, the team said.

The scientists said Monday that they are planning to clone another dog using somatic cells from Snuppy.

Hwang, once a renowned stem cell pioneer and animal-cloning specialist, said in 2005 that dog clones were valuable in discovering technologies useful for curing human diseases.

The scientist came under fire in 2005, however, when it was revealed that his stem cell research was fraudulent and ethically flawed. He has since commercially cloned dogs.

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Editors Note: The donor for the cloning was bred by Linda Nothelfer: Kor Ch Adorah's Taipa Sahale, whelped 6-29-2002. He was owned by a veterinarian who worked at the university vet college where the cloning research was done.

REGIONAL CLUB SPECIALTY SHOW DATES

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<p>Tara Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Atlanta, GA Judge First Show: H Russell Hastings III Sweeps: Pam McQueen Judge Second Show: Gareth Morgan-Jones Sweeps: Robert DiNicola Saturday & Sunday May 28-29, 2016</p>	<p>Midwest Afghan Hound Club Lorain County Kennel Park, Ohio Judge: Michael Canalizo Sweeps: Erica Jantos Friday - August 12, 2016</p>
<p>Afghan Hound Club of St. Louis Gray Summit, MO Judge: D. Scott Pfeil Sweeps: Rick Martin Saturday - June 4, 2016</p>	<p>Afghan Hound Club of Greater Denver (2 Shows) Greeley, CO Judge First Show: Chris Kaiser Sweeps: Penny Whitaker Judge Second Show: Pam Bruce Sweeps: Nanci Alderman Thursday & Friday September 8 & 9, 2016</p>
<p>Afghan Hound Club of Greater Chicago (2 shows) Joliet, IL Judge First Show: Mara Lynn Mercer Sweeps: Louise Paulson Judge Second Show: Anna Tyler Friday - June 10, 2016</p>	<p>Afghan Hound Club of America National Specialty Warwick, RI Judge Dogs/Intersex: Stephen Fisher Judge Bitches: Dr. Jerry Klein Sweeps: Rosemary Sutton Saturday-Wednesday - September 17-21, 2016</p>
<p>Monterey Bay Afghan Hound Club Vallejo, CA Judge: David Frei Sweeps: Nicci Von Broembsen Saturday - June 11, 2016</p>	<p>Nutmeg Afghan Hound Club Warwick, RI Judge: Diane Burvee Sweeps: Christine Farrar Thursday - September 22, 2016</p>
<p>Richmond Afghan Hound Club Richmond, VA Judge: Patrick Byrne No Sweeps Saturday - June 25, 2016</p>	<p>Potomac Afghan Hound Club Warwick, RI Judge: ? Sweeps: ? Thursday - September 22, 2016</p>
<p>Greater Detroit Afghan Hound Club Monroe, MI Judge: Roberta Keller Sweeps: Pam McQueen Friday - July 8, 2016</p>	<p>Finger Lakes Afghan Hound Club Romulus, NY Judge: Jacqueline Quiros-Kubat Sweeps: Karen Giles Saturday - October 1, 2016</p>
<p>Evergreen Afghan Hound Club (2 Shows) Auburn, WA Judge First Show: Lucy Orlowski Sweeps: Jan Buttler Judge Second Show: Ken Tippie Sweeps: Lonnie Patterson Friday & Saturday August 5-6, 2016</p>	<p>Lehigh Valley Afghan Hound Assoc. (2 Shows) Frenchtown, NJ Judge First Show: Dominique Gorgon-Denis Sweeps: Melissa Williams Judge Second Show: H. Russell Hastings III Sunday - October 9, 2016</p>



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